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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Further to the concurrent filing of a US national stage application of PCT application PCT/IL98/00299, kindly amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Kindly add the following on page 1, line 3, immediately after "This application":

-- is a US national filing of PCT Application PCT/IL98/00299, filed June 24, 1998, and--

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2"

Claim 4, line 1, change "any of claims 1-3" to --claim 1--

Claim 5, line 1, change "any of claims 1-3" to --claim 1--

Claim 6, line 1, change "any of claims 1-5" to --claim 1--

Claim 7, line 1, change "any of claims 1-5" to --claim 1--

Claim 8, line 1, change "any of claims 1-7" to --claim 1--

Claim 9, line 1, change "any of claims 1-7" to --claim 1--

Claim 10, line 1, change "any of claims 1-7" to --claim 1--

Claim 11, line 1, change "any of claims 1-7" to --claim 1--

Claim 12, line 1, change "any of claims 1-11" to --claim 1--

Claim 13, line 1, change "any of claims 1-11" to --claim 1--

Claim 14, line 1, change "any of claims 1-11" to --claim 1--

Claim 15, line 1, change "any of claims 1-11" to --claim 1--

Claim 16, line 1, change "any of claims 1-11" to --claim 1--

Claim 17, line 1, change "any of claims 1-11" to --claim 1--

Claim 18, line 1, change "any of claims 1-17" to --claim 1--

Claim 19, line 1, change "any of claims 1-17" to --claim 1--